

REMARKS

Election

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect one of the following species:

- I. Figure 11B, defined by claims 7 and 16; or
- II. Figure 12, defined by claims 9, 10, 18, and 19.

Applicant hereby elects Species II, depicted in Figure 12, and believes that claims 1-6, 8-15, and 17-21 are readable thereon. Claims 1, 12, and 20 are generic to each of the species.

Applicant reserves the right to submit any Divisional patent applications directed toward the non-elected species.

Drawings

It is noted that the Examiner has accepted the drawings as originally filed with this application.

New and Amended Claims

Applicant has also chosen to amend claims 9, 10, 18 and 19, and add new claim 21, in order to correct various errors, as well as to better protect what Applicant regards as the invention. It is believed that the new and amended claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

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Summary

An early action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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